GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:307
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
COMMITTEES ON GANGA ACTION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Governments have been adopting indifferent attitude towards implementation of the Ganga Action Plan and have not even constituted citizens` monitoring committees so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) the names of States which have not yet constituted such committees; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BALU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 307 FOR 19-3 REGARDING COMMITTEES ON GANGA ACTION PLAN.

(a) to (d) The Ganga Action Plan (GAP) includes pollution abatement works on Ganga and its tributaries namely Yamuna, Gomti and Damodar, and is under implementation in five States i.e. Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Delhi and Haryana. The details of towns in which GAP is implemented and where citizen`s monitoring committees have been formed are given below:

Sl.No.	State	Number of towns where GAP is implemented	Number of towns where citizen`s monitoring committees are formed
1	Uttar Pradesh	33	33
2	West Bengal	42	14
3	Bihar	22	0
4	Delhi	1	0
5	Haryana	12	6
	Total	110	53

The reasons for non-constitution of citizens` monitoring committees in some of the towns are :
(i) the works in a number of towns are yet to begin,
(ii) elections to the local bodies under which such committees are constituted have not been held for long and
(iii) some of the existing citizen`s monitoring committees cover more than one town. Government has been taking up this matter with the State Governments from time to time. This matter was also reviewed in the meeting of the National River Conservation Authority held on 13.3.2001 where certain important decisions were taken to make the river cleaning more effective.